Quick Facts about FIV

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a slow-acting infectious disease that weakens the cat's immune system. Most infected cats do not show symptoms and have a normal life expectancy, though they may be prone to secondary infections.

FIV is not easily transmitted to other pets — only through deep bite wounds typical of aggressive outdoor fighting. FIV does not seem commonly spread through casual modes of contact, such as social grooming, sharing food/litter, or sneezing.

Risk factors for infection include:

- male gender cats
- adulthood
- outdoor access

FIV-infected cats can live comfortably indoors in a stress-free environment for many years.

Proper nutrition and regular check-ups at the vet will help to make sure your FIV+ feline is a happy and healthy cat.

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